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Dear Volunteer Groups:

We invite you to join Yosemite in celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service! The NPS was established on August 25, 1916, with a mandate to "... conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and wild life therein, and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." Today we continue to pursue these goals, and the service provided by volunteers is critical to our success!

Enclosed is the 2016 group volunteer project catalog, including project descriptions, calendar of scheduled projects, information on requesting a project, and the project request form. **We will begin accepting 2016 project request forms on Monday, January 25 at 8 a.m. PST.** Please do not submit requests before this time and date.

Once again, we have a variety of activities to choose from, with an emphasis on implementation of the Merced River Plan, Tuolumne River Plan, and Mariposa Grove Restoration. These three large projects will restore hundreds of acres of habitat and improve visitor services. Whether removing asphalt from trails that are being re-routed, restoring streambanks damaged from overuse, building handicap-accessible campsites, or removing invasive plants, volunteers will play a large role in implementing these projects. Once again, we're working with partner organizations to bring together individuals for group activities; for these projects you'll apply directly through the organizations (most require you to become a member of that organization).

On the following pages you will find:

- Important information regarding signing up for a project, including requirements for participation.
- A description of available projects.
- A calendar of scheduled projects – note that many projects are available on-request and are not scheduled for specific dates.
- The project request form.

While the projects in the catalog are the ones we have already planned, some additional projects are added throughout the year, so check back! We also may be able to create a custom project for your group — just ask.

**There are some new policies this year, including limitations on the number of projects each group may request initially, and limits on non-participating children in campsites. Please read the Information and Requirements section carefully.**

Last year more than 10,400 individual volunteers provided over 178,900 hours of service to Yosemite. That's the equivalent of over \$4.2 million in donated labor! Without you, critical repair and restoration work could not be completed. We greatly appreciate you for supporting the National Park Service mission and the stewardship of this World Heritage Site.

Sincerely,

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## Yosemite Volunteer Group Program Information and Requirements



### Planning a Project:

When considering bringing your group to Yosemite to volunteer, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

#### 1) Qualifications:

- a. Each project will list a minimum age requirement, and minimum and maximum group size. These limits help us to make sure the projects are safe and appropriate for the ages of volunteers and the supervision available. The group size may also be limited by the campsites available. If your group is larger than the maximum, it will have to be split into smaller groups, requiring additional leaders and possibly campsites.
- b. If you have a person under the minimum age, or a group that is slightly over the size limit, please contact the office for a potential exception.
- c. Some projects require transportation from the campsite to the worksite. Please note on your request form if you do not have transportation.
- d. If you have a participant with special needs, please contact us to learn if accommodations may be possible (for both the project and camping). We have a sign language interpreter available with advance notice.

#### 2) Camping:

The Yosemite volunteer program provides free campsites (if available) during your project in order to facilitate volunteer work. Most campsites are at Yellow Pine, the administrative campground in Yosemite Valley. We will usually plan for campsites the nights before and after a scheduled project, or Friday/Saturday for a Sunday project, but these nights may be flexible. How many nights you can stay depends on the work performed:

<b>Nights at campsite</b>	<b>Work requirements – Minimum days of work, AND minimum hours</b> (At least one of the nights must be contiguous with the volunteer day)
Zero	(if the NPS does not provide campsites) Half day /3 hours minimum.
One	Half-day project (3 to 5 hours)
Two	One day (6 hours+)
Three	One and a half days
Four	Two days
Five	Two and a half days
Six	Three days
Seven	Four days

- a. If the park provides free campsites, **all members of your group** will be required to participate in the work project. The only exception to this will be the (optional) person designated to remain in camp for cooking and staying with gear. Any additional family members under the age of 5 who will not be participating must be approved in advance. Generally this will be limited to no more than 1 non-participating youth per 10 participating adults.
- b. Please remember dogs are not permitted in group campsites (including Yellow Pine), and may not be permitted at the volunteer work site. In general, plan to leave your pets at home unless you have specifically checked with the volunteer office.
- c. Yellow Pine and other group sites are tent-only – no RVs or sleeping trailers. Gear trailers are limited to 25 feet.
- d. If you would like to use your RV, bring pets, or have group members who will not volunteer, we recommend that you plan to reserve and pay for your own campsites.

- e. Groups who violate campground and participation policies will not be permitted to volunteer in the following year.
- 3) The volunteer program will provide tools for projects, safety training, and free entrance to the park.
- 4) Groups need to provide their own camping equipment, food, and transportation to the park. Groups performing technical work may also bring their own tools if desired.
- 5) There is no charge to participate in projects (except those managed by partners); donations to support the program are always welcome.
- 6) The Park Service leads projects in all types of weather, unless there is a concern for the safety of participants. As weather conditions can change rapidly in Yosemite, please ensure your group is prepared and equipped for potential adverse conditions (i.e., snow, rain, extreme heat, biting or stinging insects, traffic, uneven terrain, etc.). Heavy winters may also cause cancellation of early season projects (especially at high elevations) if areas are still closed for the season due to snow.
- 7) Specific project assignments may change as other projects become available and conditions change; we will always check with groups before changing projects significantly.

### **When to Request a Project**

Projects May 2 through November:

- You must wait until the catalog is released and the reservation period is open before these projects may be scheduled. If your organization must schedule further in advance, please contact us to request an exception. Generally exceptions are made for groups who will work at least three full days during a project, and schools who come on weekdays during May and June. **For 2016, we will begin accepting requests at 8 a.m. PST on Monday, January 25.\***
- **Limit of two projects during initial scheduling:** Each group will be limited to scheduling only two projects during the first two weeks after the catalog is released. A “project” will be defined as an assignment for a group of up to 30 people, for any number of contiguous days. A project for a group of 31-60 people will be considered two projects. Two weeks after the opening day, these groups may request additional projects. This allows a greater variety of groups to volunteer over the course of the summer. For 2016 we will begin accepting additional requests on Monday, February 8.

Projects during December through April

- These projects may be scheduled any time, but we generally ask that groups wait until October to request projects for the following winter/spring.

### **Project Request Process (we start accepting 2016 requests at 8 a.m. PST on January 25\*)**

- 1) Look through the catalog to pick dates and projects that appeal to you. Be sure to note required skills and physical ability for each project, as well as maximum group size. If you have a group with limited physical capacity, we may be able to make accommodations depending on the project.
- 2) There are no “project numbers” listed in the catalog as there have been in the past, only either flexible projects or specific dates. The projects that are scheduled for specific dates are usually either dependent on specific seasons (such as when an invasive plant blooms) or on campground reservations in public campgrounds.
- 3) Fill in all sections on the enclosed Project Request Form. If you would like to volunteer more than once in 2016, **fill out a form for each trip**. Some projects have flexible dates or days of the week – please write your preferred work days on the form as well as arrival and departure dates. If hand-writing the form, please print neatly!
- 4) List at least one alternate project or date on each form, as we often have multiple applicants for a given project or date.

- 5) If you do not see a project that meets your needs, you may request a custom project; on the form write your preferred work dates, project type, whether you need campsites, and arrival/departure dates for your trip. Then write in the comment box what type of work you are interested in.
- 6) In the comment box, write in any other information that might help us assign a project – especially special skills and experience.
- 7) Once you have completed your form, please submit your request(s) via:

<b>Email: (preferred option)</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>Mail:</b>
yose_volunteers@nps.gov	209-379-1350	VIP Office, Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 700, El Portal, CA 95318

**\*If we receive project requests early (before 8 a.m. PST on 1/25), they will be set aside, then added to the end of the queue on the morning of 1/26.**

#### **What happens next:**

- 1) When we receive your request form, we will respond with an email acknowledging receipt. If you don't receive this email within a week, please let us know so we can make sure your request didn't get lost in transit.
- 2) As we receive applications, we will assign dates/ projects. Generally projects will be assigned to qualified groups in the order in which they are received, though groups with special skills may be given priority for some projects.
- 3) Once a project is assigned, we will send an email confirmation to the group leader listed on the request form, stating the assignment. This usually happens within one month of receipt of the project request form.
- 4) We will email a confirmation packet to your group leader with required forms and information about your project. We send these in chronological order of the project, and you will receive your confirmation at least one month before your project.
- 5) **Please be patient!** We often receive over 50 requests in the first few days of the request period. While the first ones go fast, the process slows down as preferred dates get filled. Last year we assigned over 160 projects!

If you have questions about the process, please give us a call or drop us an email!

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# Yosemite National Park 2016 Group Project Descriptions



Below are descriptions of our planned projects, the dates they are currently scheduled, and eligibility requirements. For information on specific project dates, including campsite locations, see the calendar following the project descriptions. For partner volunteer projects, be sure to apply directly through those organizations.

## Ash Removal and Campground Cleanup

### **Description:**

With over 1,400 campsites in Yosemite in use nearly every night from April through September, a lot of ash gets produced in all those fire rings, and trash gets left behind in bear boxes. Volunteers will clean out campground and picnic area fire pits and grills as well as perform general campground cleanup work. They will be shoveling ash and debris, which may be hot, and carrying the ash and other litter by bucket to a collection point for disposal. Volunteers may also perform light construction work, including painting and repairing picnic tables, repairing campsite infrastructure, etc.

### **Qualifications:**

Minimum Age: 5

Group Size: 5 to 30

Easy to Moderately Strenuous : Must be able to carry a 5 gallon bucket of ash or debris safely and practice safe use of hand tools such as shovels and litter sticks.

**Project Location:** Throughout park

**Campsite Location:** depends on work location

### **Project Schedule:**

Projects are available nearly every day May through October, and most days the rest of the year.

See catalog/calendar for projects already scheduled on weekends and at locations outside Yosemite Valley.

Other dates will be assigned as requested.

### **Flexible?**

Yes! Additional projects may be scheduled; campsites on a space-available basis.

## Climbing Access Trail Rehabilitation

### **Description:**

Yosemite is known for its world-class rock climbing, with thousands of climbers accessing hundreds of routes in the park each year. In Yosemite the NPS historically has not established climber use trails, and climbers have accessed climbing routes using the "path of least resistance." After decades of intensive use, this informal network of trails has become severely eroded--leaving denuded areas, loose footing, and vegetation loss. With the support of a grant from the Yosemite Conservancy, the park will be working with volunteers to delineate some of these access routes and restore ecological health to the areas. Specifically volunteers may be delineating trails and building trail structures (such as water bars), de-compacting soil, planting native plants, eliminating old trails, and similar work.

### **Qualifications:**

Minimum Age: 12

Group Size: 5 to 15

Moderately Strenuous to Very Strenuous: Ability to hike on uneven terrain and carry tools. Some areas are close to trailheads, while others may require some hiking. Some projects require technical rope skills.

**Project Location:** Yosemite Valley in May to mid-July, and Tuolumne Meadows mid-July to September

**Campsite Location:** Yellow Pine for Yosemite Valley projects, or Tuolumne Meadows for Tuolumne projects

### **Project Schedule:**

Most weekend projects include work both Saturday and Sunday (2-day project). Full work days of 7+ hours

Project Dates scheduled upon request

### **Flexible?**

Yes!

## General Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

### **Description:**

Painting buildings, repairing park benches, cleaning gutters, building new structures, deconstructing old buildings, performing trail work, installing new lighting, removing old asphalt – the National Park Service has a maintenance backlog of billions of dollars. Thankfully at Yosemite we're making a dent in our backlog with volunteer help. With these projects the volunteer/s will be working in all areas of the park doing a variety of projects, which may require skills in carpentry, electrical, concrete work, and plumbing. Volunteers must have a safe understanding of power equipment and hand tools. If working on specialized/technical projects, volunteers must have some applicable knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and/or carpentry skills and the safe use of hand and power tools such as circular saws, planers, drills, air driven nail guns, augers, paint sprayers, and cement mixers. They may be required to lift over 60 pounds and/or drive government vehicles. Volunteers will work at different locations within the park; some work may be at high elevations.

Specific Projects (most are not yet known, but will be developed throughout spring)

Grounds-keeping: removal of leaf litter around buildings and trails. Minimum age 10; max group size 25

Campgrounds: Installation of sign posts, bumper logs, etc. Minimum age 12, max group size 25

Fire ring and bear box installation; Minimum Age of 12, max group size 25

Painting projects; Minimum age 16, max group size 25

Picnic table and bench construction/repair; Minimum age 12, max group size 25

Trail clearing: removing brush and debris from trails. Minimum age 12, max group size 20.

### **Qualifications:**

Minimum Age: 12-16, depending on project Group Size: 5 to 25 (maximum size depends on campsite and skill level)

Moderate to Strenuous difficulty, depending on project

**Project Location:** Throughout park

**Campsite Location:** Depends on project location

### **Scheduled Projects:**

These projects will be scheduled on request.

### **Flexible?**

Yes! We can plan these types of project on-demand depending on project/leader availability and group skills; campsites possible on a space-available basis.

## Invasive Species Control – Yosemite Valley Meadows

### **Description:**

Invasive plants are one of the biggest threats to biodiversity in the park and you can help find and treat them. Your main goal will be controlling the spread of bull thistle in Yosemite Valley meadows through use of shovels and hand pulling. In addition to the treatment of these plants, you could receive training in how to survey for and map invasive plants using the latest technology. This activity is in full sun, and is often strenuous. For more information on the Invasive Plant Management Program at Yosemite, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/invasive-plants.htm> Please note that this project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.

### **Conditions and Safety:**

In general this project is a strenuous project. It will require working in uneven meadows, in hot temperatures, with thorny vegetation, and mostly in full sun. Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves, and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader. Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

### **Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 12

Group Size: 5 to 20

Strenuous Difficulty

**Project Location:** Yosemite Valley **Campsite Location:** Yellow Pine / Yosemite Valley

**Project Schedule:**

July 15, 16, 27, 28, 29, 30 (full days only)

**Flexible?**

Only the dates listed unless approved by Project Leader.

**Litter Removal**

**Description:**

Four million visitors a year can produce a lot of trash, and unfortunately not all of it makes it into trash cans and recycling bins. Volunteers will use litter sticks and buckets to clean up litter along roadsides and trails, in campgrounds and in other public areas. Must be able to carry a 5 gallon bucket of trash or debris safely and practice safe use of hand tools such as shovels and litter sticks. Volunteer must be able to follow safety instructions.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum Age: 5      Group Size: 5 to 30 (maximum size depends on campsite; groups larger than 30 will be split up)

Easy to Moderate difficulty

**Project Location:** Throughout park

**Campsite Location:** depends on project location

**Project Schedule:**

Scheduled on request for a minimum of three hours, up to a full day.

**Flexible?**

Yes! This project is available to schedule on request for full or half day projects.

**Native Seed Collection**

**Description:**

Help us collect seeds from Yosemite's beautiful flora that will be used on restoration projects! Volunteers, directed by Resource Management staff, will collect appropriate native plant seed at various locations in Yosemite National Park. The seed will be cleaned and stored for future restoration and revegetation projects throughout Yosemite. Volunteer efforts will help maintain the ecological integrity of Yosemite and expand the park's native seed collection. Seed collection will occur off trail on potentially steep terrain and near roadways.

**Conditions and Safety:**

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the Resource Management work leader. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Work is typically conducted on rough, uneven terrain. A sun hat, long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots are recommended. Volunteers should also bring water bottles and sunscreen, and should bring extra clothing layers in case of changing weather. Work typically involves hiking short distances over uneven terrain to access appropriate plant populations and bending/stooping to collect seeds. Potential hazards include exposure to thorny and/or irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 12 (younger may be possible with close adult supervision in groups which are mostly adults)

Group Size: 5 to 15

Moderate to Strenuous difficulty

**Project Location:** Two Locations: Yosemite Valley, Southwest Yosemite (Hennes Ridge, Wawona Mariposa Grove)

**Campsite Location:** Yellow Pine for Valley projects; Bridalveil campground for Southwest Yosemite projects.

**Project Schedule**

Yosemite Valley: Mondays- Thursdays July 5-28. Mondays – Saturdays August 8- September 3. Full or half days.

Southwest Yosemite: Mondays-Saturdays August 8- September 8, full days only.

**Flexible?**

No; work must occur on these dates and in these locations.

**Save Our Sequoias – Tuolumne and Merced Groves**

**Description:**

Tuolumne and Merced Groves of Giant Sequoias need to be protected from the increasing visitor use we have seen in the last year. Due to the closure of the Mariposa Grove, many park visitors have rerouted their visit to enjoy the splendor of these groves; unfortunately the design of these groves isn't adequately protecting our big trees from the impact of this increase in visitors. We plan to use group volunteers to disguise social trails, put up temporary brush fences, and devise solutions to keep visitors on the trail. Shovels, buckets, and wheelbarrows are used to accomplish the task. Other work includes clearing brush around sequoias to prepare for a much needed prescribed fire. The project sites range throughout the groves in steep terrain.

**Conditions and Safety:**

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the Resource Management work leader. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Work is typically conducted on rough, uneven terrain. A sun hat, long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots are recommended. Volunteers should also bring water bottles and sunscreen, and should bring extra clothing layers in case of changing weather. Work typically involves hiking short distances over uneven terrain to access appropriate plant populations and bending/stooping to collect seeds. Potential hazards include exposure to thorny and/or irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 12

Group Size: 5 to 15

Moderate difficulty

**Project Location:** Tuolumne and Merced Groves of Giant Sequoias

**Campsite Location:** Depends on date: Yellow Pine, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, or Hodgdon Meadows. Transportation to work site required.

**Project Schedule**

June 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20. One day project, full day only

**Flexible?**

No; work must occur on these dates and in these locations.

## Tuolumne Meadows Restoration Project

**Description:**

Yosemite resource managers have joined forces with researchers to restore Tuolumne meadows to a properly functioning biodiversity hotspot in the Sierra Nevada. By planting sedges, temporarily excluding small rodents, and giving the meadow time to adapt we will be restoring the carbon storing capabilities of the soil itself. To learn more and be a part of this historic effort, sign up today. Moderate to strenuous activity will be expected. Activities include removing equipment from restoration sites and collecting seed. Expect plenty of bending and kneeling. Participants should be able to work at high elevations.

**Conditions and Safety:**

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the Resource Management work leader. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Work is typically conducted on rough, uneven terrain. A sun hat, long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots are recommended. Volunteers should also bring water bottles and sunscreen, and should bring extra clothing layers in case of changing weather. Work typically involves hiking short distances over uneven terrain carrying tools and equipment. Bending or stooping to collect native seed is required. Potential hazards include exposure to biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 12

Group Size: 5 to 15

Moderate to Strenuous difficulty



**Project Location:** Tuolumne Meadows

**Campsite Location:** Tuolumne Meadows Campground

**Project Schedule**

Sept 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. October 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Full days only

**Flexible?**

No; they must occur on these dates and in these locations.

## Tuolumne Meadows Invasive Species Control and Ecological Restoration

### **Description:**

*Restoration Project* - Yosemite resource managers have joined forces with University researchers to restore Tuolumne meadows to a proper functioning biodiversity hotspot in the Sierra Nevada. By planting sedges, temporarily excluding small rodents, and giving the meadow time to adapt we will be restoring the carbon storing capabilities of the soil itself. To learn more and be a part of this historic effort, sign up today. Moderate to strenuous activity will be expected. Activities include removing equipment from restoration sites and collecting seed. Expect plenty of bending and kneeling. Participants should be able to work at high elevations.

*Invasive Removal Project* - Invasive plants have found their way into Yosemite's wilderness, and we need volunteers to stop their advance. Your main goal will be controlling the spread of dandelion in alpine ecosystems. We'll be hiking 1-3 miles roundtrip in a day to get to the known populations of dandelion and removing them with hand tools. In addition to the treatment of these plants, you could receive training in how to survey for and map invasive plants using the latest technology. This project will take place in Yosemite's wilderness at elevations above 8,000 feet. For more information on the Invasive Plant Management Program at Yosemite, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/invasive-plants.htm>.

### **Conditions and Safety:**

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the Resource Management work leader. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Work is typically conducted on rough, uneven terrain. A sun hat, long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots are recommended. Volunteers should also bring water bottles and sunscreen, and should bring extra clothing layers in case of changing weather. Work typically involves hiking short distances over uneven terrain carrying tools and equipment. Bending or stooping to collect native seed is required. Potential hazards include exposure to biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required.

### **Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 12

Group Size: 5 to 20

Moderate to Strenuous difficulty

**Project Location:** Tuolumne Meadows

**Campsite Location:** Tuolumne Meadows Campground

**Project Schedule**

Mondays through Saturdays May 31- July 15. Full days only. Groups who can work multiple days are preferred for planning projects.

NOTE: projects scheduled early in the season (before July 15) are subject to cancellation if Tioga Road is still closed / snow covers the work area.

**Flexible?**

No; they must occur on these dates and in these locations.

## Wilderness Restoration in the High Country

### **Description:**

Work with a wilderness restoration ranger to remove illegal fire rings from trailheads along the Glacier Point Road and Tioga Road. Volunteers will learn correct wilderness restoration techniques, Leave No Trace practices and wilderness ethics. Opportunities may also exist to maintain ongoing restoration efforts in nearby locations as needed. Volunteers may also be assisting with the identification and removal of invasive plants. Volunteers will stay at front-country campsites and hike up to 5 miles per day into the Yosemite Wilderness. Volunteers may serve for one to five days per project.

### **Conditions and Safety:**

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task, and follow instructions from NPS Work Leader. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader. Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots, sunhat. Volunteers should also bring lunch, water, raingear, & jacket due to the potential for rapidly changing weather conditions. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum age: 18 unless accompanied by an adult (if accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10)

Group Size: 3-6; we can schedule individuals or groups up to 6.

Moderately Strenuous to Very Strenuous

Must be able to hike several miles; Elevation: 6500 - 9,000 feet.

**Project Location:** Yosemite Valley **Campsite Location:** Yosemite Valley

**Project Schedule:**

2016 dates have not yet been confirmed, but are usually scheduled for specific weeks between late July and early September.

Projects are usually scheduled Monday-Thursday, and volunteers can work one or several days.

Please enquire about available dates.

**Flexible Dates?**

No

## Spring Break Projects

**Description:**

Spring Break projects are led by the Buildings and Grounds program, and are custom-planned depending on the ages of the group, the duration of their work, and the time of year. Almost all projects will take place in Yosemite Valley, and groups must be flexible, as unpredictable weather impacts our ability to plan far in advance. Work may include painting buildings, repairing park benches, cleaning gutters, building new structures, cleaning up camping areas, shoveling snow, indoor work such as storage area cleaning and organizing, deconstructing old buildings and similar tasks. No vegetation / ecological restoration works are available for spring break groups this year.

**Qualifications:**

Minimum Age: 12, Group Size: 5 to 20 (maximum size depends on campsite availability)

**Project Location:** Yosemite Valley or El Portal **Campsite Location:** Yosemite Valley

**Project Schedule:**

Mid-February- mid-April (specific work schedule is flexible)

Weekend projects also available.

**Flexible?**

Yes! We can plan this on-request depending on project/leader availability and group skills; campsites possible on a space-available basis.

## **Partner Volunteer Projects**

To sign up for one of these projects planned with non-profit partners, visit the websites listed.

Unlike other projects in this catalog which are designed for volunteers who come to the park as an organized group, these projects are for individual volunteers who would like to join together with other individuals for a group volunteer project. Most of the organizations require that volunteers become members to participate.

### **Yosemite Conservancy**

#### **Work Weeks and Weekends**

##### **Description:**

The Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. The Conservancy works with the park to accomplish work with volunteers each year. The National Park Service plans and leads the work projects, while the Conservancy arranges for group logistics and provides shared group equipment, food, and a cook.

Yosemite is a dynamic place with unpredictable conditions. While projects are planned to accomplish specific goals, they may be modified by the National Park Service at any time, as needed. The Park Service appreciates the flexibility of our volunteers when project tasks shift as the field season progresses. Our crews work shoulder to shoulder with NPS project leaders who demonstrate tool use, task performance, and safety measures.

A day pack, water bottles to carry two–three liters of water, and a lunch container are required for daily use. Hiking boots with hard soles are recommended. Unless specified, participants should be in strong physical condition and able to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 their weight (whichever is less). In general, no special skills are required.

##### **Qualifications (for all Yosemite Conservancy projects):**

Minimum Age: 18                      Group Size: up to 12 individuals

Volunteers must be (or become) donors to the Yosemite Conservancy. Physical difficulty depends on the project and location.

See the Yosemite Conservancy website for application and more details: <http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer>

#### **Scheduled Projects:**

##### **Yosemite Valley**

##### **YV1: Yosemite Valley Weed Warriors; July 17-23**

Join the fight against one of the biggest threats to biodiversity in Yosemite: invasive species. This work crew will survey, identify, and remove invasive plants by hand or with shovels and other tools, clearing the way for the valley's diverse plant life to thrive. As part of this team, you will carry buckets, tools, and supplies short distances to nearby field sites. You may be called upon to work on other restoration projects as needed and should be able to lift up to 30 pounds. For more information on the Invasive Plant Management Program at Yosemite visit Invasive Plants in Yosemite National Park.

*Base camp:* Yellow Pine Volunteer Campground in Yosemite Valley

*Elevation:* 4,000 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work level:* Strenuous

##### **YV2: Yosemite Valley Picnic Table Renovators: July 24-30**

Carry on the renovation of campground picnic tables in Yosemite Valley. Enhance the experience of thousands of visitors who gather together around a table under the canopy of Yosemite's trees. Old wood will be removed from metal frames and replaced with pre-cut lumber. You will be using hand and battery operated tools and should be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

*Base camp:* Yellow Pine Volunteer Campground in Yosemite Valley

*Elevation:* 4,000 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work level:* Moderate

### **YV3: Yosemite Valley Grounds Groomers; October 2-8**

Improve the ecological health surrounding park lodging facilities, go-to places for visitors to relax amidst the majestic setting of the park. Surrounded by fall colors and armed with shovels, rakes, hand trowels, pruners and wheelbarrows, you will repair fences and walkways, prune vegetation, de-compact soil, spread duff (pine needles and leaves), and transplant native plants. You should be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

*Base camp:* Housekeeping Camp or tent cabins in Yosemite Valley

*Elevation:* 4,000 feet

*Meals:* Food vouchers provided by Yosemite Conservancy at concession food court

*Transportation:* Carpooling with personal vehicles

*Work level:* Strenuous

## **Wawona**

### **W1: Mariposa Grove Weed Warriors; June 19-25**

Battle the invasive plants that threaten the Mariposa Grove and surrounding areas. The highly diverse plant communities in the grove, including sequoia seedlings, are in direct competition with invasive plants such as the prickly bull thistle. Using shovels and hand pulling, you can help control the spread of these invasives. Project sites range throughout the grove and include working in hot meadows, previously burned areas, and the shade of the giant sequoias. The terrain is a steep environment to traverse. The project may also require lifting up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less). For more information visit [Invasive Plants in Yosemite National Park and Mariposa Grove Restoration](#).

*Base camp:* Wawona Campground

*Parking:* Use of the campground's overflow parking area may be required.

*Elevation:* 4,500 – 5,000 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work level:* Strenuous

### **W2: Mariposa Grove Protectors; September 11-17**

Be a part of this spectacular grove's historical restoration. Closed to the public through 2016, work will continue to re-design the grove and restore its majestic sequoias. You will be called upon to help with restoration projects that are in progress. Using shovels, buckets, and wheelbarrows, you will also be de-compacting soil, planting native plants, collecting seed and duff, as well as removing asphalt. The Mariposa Grove is a steep environment to traverse. For more information visit [Invasive Plants in Yosemite National Park and Mariposa Grove Restoration](#).

*Base camp:* Wawona Campground

*Parking:* Use of the campground's overflow parking area may be required.

*Elevation:* 4,500 – 5,000 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work level:* Moderate–strenuous

## **High Country**

### **HC1: Sequoia Grove Defenders; June 26-July 2**

Help protect the giant sequoias in the Tuolumne and Merced groves. With the close of the Mariposa Grove, more visitors than usual are enjoying the splendor of these smaller groves, but these groves aren't adequately protected from the impact of increased use. You can help disguise social trails, put up temporary brush fences, and devise solutions to keep visitors on designated trails. You'll use shovels, buckets, and wheelbarrows to protect these giant trees. Work will also include clearing the brush around them to prepare for a much needed prescribed fire. The project sites range throughout each grove's steep terrain. You should be able to work at high elevations. The crew will travel one hour round trip daily from Yosemite Valley to Crane Flat.

*Base camp:* Yellow Pine Volunteer Campground in Yosemite Valley

*Camp elevation:* 4,000 feet

*Work elevation:* 6,200 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work level:* Moderate

### **HC2: Tuolumne Meadows Restorers; August 7-13**

Ensure the pristine quality of Tuolumne Meadows and the river that flows through it. This area represents some of the most extensive subalpine meadow and riparian habitat in the Sierra Nevada. These ecosystems are sites of exceptional ecological importance, providing the most biologically diverse areas in Yosemite. Your work will protect and enhance meadow and riverbank areas influenced by historical and current soil compaction. Restoration projects may include stabilizing riverbanks by planting willows, collecting seed, maintaining past restoration sites, and removing invasive species. You should be able to work at high elevations and walk a short distance from the campsite to project sites.

*Base camp:* Tuolumne Meadows Campground

*Elevation:* 8,600 feet

*Meals:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy at group campsite

*Transportation:* Provided by Yosemite Conservancy

*Work Level:* Moderately strenuous

## **Conservation Volunteers International Program (CVIP)**

(in partnership with REI)

### **Description:**

From the CVIP website: "Conservation Volunteers International Program provides innovative, premiere conservation volunteer opportunities at the world's greatest landscapes and cultural sites. We create wonderful memories for our volunteers, local inhabitants, and agency officials of the host countries, and CVIP staff. While working and playing together, we smile and laugh a lot."

CVIP partners with REI to facilitate this work project.

### **Scheduled Projects:**

Help protect this UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of America's best known icons. Work with park rangers to renovate trails and restore fragile natural resources damaged by visitors.

May 8 – 14, 2016

September 11-17, 2016

### **Qualifications:**

Strenuous: See the Conservation Volunteers International Program website to learn more and to sign up:

<http://www.conservationvip.org/>

## **Sierra Club**

### **Description:**

The Sierra Club, which has been leading Outings to Yosemite for over a century, is sponsoring two service trips this year, in Yosemite Valley in Tuolumne Meadows. Both groups will be working on ecological restoration.

### **Scheduled Projects:**

#### **July 24-30, Multi-generational Teen Service in Yosemite's Tuolumne Meadows, Trip#16213A**

At 8,600 feet elevation along Route 120 west of Tioga Pass, Tuolumne Meadows is the accessible starting point for many high-country adventures. We'll set up camp there and work with National Park Service staff on projects to help manage this well-loved area. We will have the opportunity to hike some great trails, learn more about this park's natural and cultural history, and create our own personal experiences.

This trip is for teens and their family members. Working as families provides a special dynamic and energy, and allows an excellent way to learn new skills in a safe environment.

We will work on projects with Yosemite National Park's Resources Management and Science Division in the Tuolumne Meadows area. Projects will be chosen by the Park Service based on need and level of importance. Work might be either in the front-country or a short hike in. The National Park Service will provide tools and instruction.

### **September 11-17, Service in the Spectacular Yosemite Valley, Trip#16270A**

We will have the opportunity to continue in the footsteps of the conservationists who have come before us and learn more about this park's natural and cultural history. Bring your hiking boots and your curiosity; plan to explore and enjoy Yosemite while we work and play.

We will work with the park's Vegetation and Ecological Restoration Program on the projects that are of the greatest importance to the National Park Service. Work may include removing invasive plant species, planting native species, and rehabilitating trails. The National Park Service will provide all tools and instruction. Flexibility is always important -- for instance, a late snowpack or fire activity may change the work project or our base camp location. Participants will be kept up to date on any changes in the project, so we can adjust to whatever surprises come our way.

#### **Qualifications:**

See the Sierra Club Outings website for qualifications and application process:

<http://content.sierraclub.org/outings/national>

### **Wilderness Volunteers**

#### **Description:**

Wilderness Volunteers is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 to organize and promote volunteer service to America's wild lands. At Yosemite, Wilderness Volunteers have been working on a wilderness restoration project near Hetch-Hetchy for several years.

#### **Scheduled Projects:**

June 5-11 at Rancheria Creek; hike in from Hetch-Hetchy (back-packing)

Our ongoing project, now in its ninth year, will take place in the Hetch Hetchy section of the park. Around the turn of the 20th century, Hetch Hetchy Valley became the center of a bitter political struggle when the City of San Francisco wanted to dam the Tuolumne River inside Yosemite National Park as a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power. In 1913, conservationists led by John Muir lost the battle when Congress passed the Raker Act, authorizing the construction of O'Shaughnessy Dam. Even with the dam and reservoir, this is a spectacular and beautiful part of the Sierra. Large sheets and domes of granite, expansive views and high peaks abound. Come visit backcountry Yosemite and help us give something back to this premier park.

Our Yosemite National Park service project is invasive weed removal in a remote, tucked-away high sierra valley where wetlands and wildlife abound. This area was miraculously spared from conflagration during the massive Rim Fire. We'll also conduct a day of campsite restoration in a more heavily-used camping area. This project requires participants to hike roughly 6 miles each day to the work sites with day packs and 1000' elevation gain. It includes a backpack of approximately 6.5 miles, around Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, to Rancheria Falls where we'll set up basecamp. The Park Service will supply pack support to carry the tools, food and commissary gear to camp.

#### **Qualifications:**

Very Strenuous: See the Wilderness Volunteers website for qualifications and to sign up:

<http://www.wildernessvolunteers.org>

(click on "projects" on the top left and scroll down to June to find the Yosemite project).

### **Drop-in and Event Volunteering**

For individuals who would like to volunteer while vacationing in Yosemite, we have several “drop-in” opportunities each year, including a weekly habitat restoration or litter cleanup project , special events such as Junior Ranger Day (mid-April) and Apple Picking Day (mid-August), and our huge National Public Lands Day event – the Yosemite Facelift (late September, organized by the Yosemite Climbing Association (<http://www.yosemiteclimbing.org>)). To check out a current listing of drop-in events, go to <http://www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/dropinvolunteer.htm>

## 2016 Yosemite Group Volunteer Projects Calendar

### Calendar Notes:

- Most projects outside of Yosemite Valley are scheduled for specific dates, while Valley projects are more often listed as “flexible”. This is because we must reserve most campsites outside the Valley far in advance, while Yellow Pine and some first-come/first-serve campgrounds are more flexible.
- Projects marked with \* are either at high elevation and may be impacted by late season openings due to snow, or are in other ways dependent on when the high country opens; work moves to another site and project when feasible, but it is possible no camping will be available.
- TBD = To Be Determined upon project assignment

Project Start Date or Date Range	Work Schedule	Project Name	Minimum Age Group Size	Campground/s	Campground Check-in	Campground Check-out
Flexible date projects: For these projects, choose your own dates based on the parameters listed.						
Flexible: scheduled on request	Any day of the week 9am to 3pm Or 3 to 6 hours between 8am and 4pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Yellow Pine	TBD	TBD
Flexible: scheduled on request for dates after July 1	Any day of the week 9am to 3pm Or 3 to 6 hours between 8am and 4pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Tioga Rd campgrounds and Bridalveil	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 24	Tamarack Flat Yosemite Creek White Wolf Porcupine Tuolumne Bridalveil	TBD	TBD
Flexible: scheduled on request	Any day of the week 3 to 6 hours between 8am and 4pm	Litter Cleanup – park-wide	Minimum age: 5 Group size for Yellow Pine: 5 to 30 Group size for other campgrounds: 5 to 24	Yellow Pine for May – Nov. For July-Sept also: Tamarack Flat Yosemite Creek White Wolf Porcupine Tuolumne Bridalveil	TBD	TBD
Flexible: scheduled on request	Any day of the week Usually 9am to 3pm	General Building and Grounds Maintenance - Valley	Minimum age: 12-16 (depending on project) Group size: 5 to 25 (depending on project)	Yellow Pine	TBD	TBD



Project Start Date or Date Range	Work Schedule	Project Name	Minimum Age Group Size	Campground/s	Campground Check-in	Campground Check-out
Flexible: scheduled on request	Any day of the week 8am to 4pm	Climber Access Trail Rehabilitation	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5 to 15	Yellow Pine (May-July) or Tuolumne July-Sept)	TBD	TBD
Limited Date Projects						
Between June 6-11 or Aug 15-20	9am to 3pm One-day project	Save Our Sequoias – Merced and Tuolumne Groves	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-15	Yellow Pine or Tamarack Flat	TBD	TBD
Between Aug 8 and Sept. 8	9am to 3pm One-day or multi-day project	Native Seed Collection – Southwest Yosemite	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-15	Bridalveil	TBD	TBD
July 5-28 Mondays-Thursdays or Aug 8 and Sept. 3 Mondays - Saturdays	9am to 3pm, whole or half days	Native Seed Collection – Yosemite Valley	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-15	Yellow Pine	TBD	TBD
July 16-26, 27-30	9am to 3pm	Invasive Species Control – Yosemite Valley Meadows	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-20	Yellow Pine	TBD	TBD
*Between May 31 and July 15	9am to 3pm One-day or multi-day project (multi-day preferred)	Tuolumne Meadows - Invasive Species Control and Ecological Restoration	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-20	Tuolumne Meadows	TBD	TBD
Sept 26- 30 or Oct 2-7	9am to 3pm One-day or multi-day project	Tuolumne Meadows – Restoration Project	Minimum age: 14 Group size: 5-25	Tuolumne Meadows	TBD	TBD
Spring weekends, February through April	Saturday or Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30 (maximum depends on available campsites)	Upper Pines	Fridays	Sundays
Specific Date Projects						
3/14-18/2016	Monday-Friday (flexible)	Spring Break project	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-18	Upper Pines	3/18/2016	3/20/2016
3/21-25/2016	Monday-Friday (flexible)	Spring Break project	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-18	Upper Pines	3/20/2016	3/27/2016

<b>Project Start Date or Date Range</b>	<b>Work Schedule</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Minimum Age Group Size</b>	<b>Campground/s</b>	<b>Campground Check-in</b>	<b>Campground Check-out</b>
3/28/2016 to 4/1/2016	Monday-Friday (flexible)	Spring Break project	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-24	Upper Pines	3/27/2016	4/3/2016
4/4-8/2016	Monday-Friday (flexible)	Spring Break project	Minimum age: 12 Group size: 5-24	Upper Pines	4/3/2016	4/10/2016
4/9/2016 or 4/10/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 24	Wawona	4/8/2016	4/10/2016
4/17/2016	Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 24	Hodgdon Meadows	4/15/2016	4/17/2016
4/30/2016 or 5/1/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Valley	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Upper Pines	4/29/2016	5/1/2016
5/14/2016 or 5/15/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 24	Wawona	5/13/2016	5/15/2016
5/21/2016 or 5/22/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 24	Hodgdon Meadows	5/20/2016	5/22/2016
6/11/2016 or 6/12/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Crane Flat	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Crane Flat	6/10/2016	6/12/2016
6/11/2016 or 6/12/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Hodgdon Meadows	6/10/2016	6/12/2016
6/11/2016 or 6/12/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Wawona	6/10/2016	6/12/2016
6/18/2016 or 6/19/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Crane Flat	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Crane Flat	6/17/2016	6/19/2016
6/18/2016 or 6/19/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Hodgdon Meadows	6/17/2016	6/19/2016
7/9/2016 or 7/10/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Tuolumne Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Tuolumne Meadows	7/8/2016	7/10/2016
7/16/2016 or 7/17/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Tuolumne Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Tuolumne Meadows	7/15/2016	7/17/2016
7/16/2016 or 7/17/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Bridalveil	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Bridalveil	7/15/2016	7/17/2016
7/23/2016 or 7/24/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Wawona	7/22/2016	7/24/2016
7/23/2016 or 7/24/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – White Wolf	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	White Wolf	7/22/2016	7/24/2016

<b>Project Start Date or Date Range</b>	<b>Work Schedule</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Minimum Age Group Size</b>	<b>Campground/s</b>	<b>Campground Check-in</b>	<b>Campground Check-out</b>
7/30/2016 or 7/31/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – White Wolf	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	White Wolf	7/29/2016	7/31/2016
8/6/2016 or 8/7/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Wawona	8/5/2016	8/7/2016
8/13/2016 or 8/14/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – White Wolf	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	White Wolf	8/12/2016	8/14/2016
8/13/2016 or 8/14/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Hodgdon Meadows	8/12/2016	8/14/2016
8/20/2016 or 8/21/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – White Wolf	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	White Wolf	8/19/2016	8/21/2016
8/20/2016 or 8/21/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Bridalveil	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Bridalveil	8/19/2016	8/21/2016
8/27/2016 or 8/28/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Tuolumne Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Tuolumne Meadows	8/26/2016	8/28/2016
9/10/2016 or 9/12/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Wawona	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Wawona	9/9/2016	9/11/2016
9/17/2016 or 9/18/2016	Saturday or Sunday, 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup – Hodgdon Meadows	Minimum age: 5 Group size: 5 to 30	Hodgdon Meadows	9/16/2016	9/18/2016



# Yosemite National Park

## Group Volunteer Project Request Form

### 2016



Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Request Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Home or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age(s) of Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number of Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will your group have vehicles available for transporting volunteers to the work site? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you wish to volunteer for more than one project, please fill out a separate sheet for each trip/project.**  
We encourage you to list more than one project / date option, as your first choice may not be available.

List preferred projects / dates/ **in order of preference:**

Volunteer <b>Work</b> Date/s (different from arrival/departure dates)	Preferred Project	Preferred Camping Location	Arrival Date	Departure Date	*Campsites needed? (yes or no)
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\*If you request that the park provide campsites, all group members who stay in those campsites will be required to participate in the volunteer work.

Please use the space below to provide additional information, including: relevant skill sets/experience, preferences about projects, names and contact info for on-site group leaders (if different from contact person), special needs, etc.

You will be notified via email regarding your assignment.

Submit request(s) to:

<b>Email (preferred):</b> <b>yose_volunteers@nps.gov</b>	Mail: Volunteer Office Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 700 El Portal, CA 95318	Questions? 209-379-1850 or <a href="mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov">yose_volunteers@nps.gov</a>
Fax: 209-379-1350		

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